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# Dear Friends



This is a time of excitement in the life of the University. We will recognize the founding classes of 1967 through 1969 as they celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during Homecoming festivities October 23 – 25, 2009. Please join us for this jubilant time and the football game between CSU and Liberty on Saturday, October 24, at 1:30 p.m.

Sissy and I are celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at CSU. What an honor it has been to lead this great University from college to university status! The fall CSU magazine will highlight some interesting stories and significant milestones during these years.

These are challenging times, but our vision, "To be a Christian university nationally recognized for integrating faith in learning, leading and serving," provides a solid foundation as we continue to equip our students with an excellent faith-based education. The heartfelt testimony given by Meghan Gernty, our SGA Vice President, at spring commencement confirms that Charleston Southern provides an excellent education and makes a positive impact on the lives of our students. Meghan shared, "Let us not forget that we have been prepared as graduates and our lives have been transformed by the power of Jesus Christ." During the summer our incoming freshmen read the student edition of Lee Strobel's book, *The Case for Christ*. This reading will give new students insight into the University's vision.

During spring semester, the CSU family had the opportunity to hear many gifted and inspirational convocation speakers. These speakers are an integral part of the CSU learning experience, and their testimonies of faith are often the turning point in students' lives. We invite you to come back to the campus and join us for a Wednesday convocation program. Details of upcoming convocations can be found on our Web site at [www.charlestonsouthern.edu](http://www.charlestonsouthern.edu).

I trust that after reading this magazine you will be inspired by some of the transformations and wonderful happenings on campus. Thank you for your continued support of Charleston Southern University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jairy C. Hunter, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Jairy C. Hunter, Jr.**  
*President*





## about the Cover:

Lynn Preacher Yeager '91 BS, '95 MEd, has formed a company with a friend to meet the dietary needs of her son, Jacob, and other children with special needs. Read the story about this determined mom starting on page 8.

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## correction

In the Spring 2009 edition of the *CSU Magazine* a story was published about Col. Joe Tallon, a member of the class of 1969. We would like to recognize the important contributions of Stefan Rogenmoser of the *Summerville Journal Scene* to the story about Col. Tallon, and offer our apologies to him for the omission.

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# Commencement – A Call to Serve

by Doug Dickerson

Thousands of family and friends were in attendance to watch 313 loved ones and friends receive their undergraduate and graduate degrees May 9 at the North Charleston Coliseum.

Tom Hood, president and CEO of First Financial Holding, Inc., delivered the commencement speech. Hood has long-standing ties to the local community as a servant-leader. Hood has served as past chairman of the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce; and volunteer mentor and tutor for the HOSTS program (Help One Student To Succeed).

Hood said he has long been an admirer of Charleston Southern and commended the graduates for their many successes. "Having had many graduates of Charleston Southern join our companies, I know that the graduates and alumni of this great University are highly valued in business and industry and as leaders in their communities."

Hood told the graduates they were inheriting a dangerous and broken world citing a global financial system in turmoil, skyrocketing unemployment, and loss of confidence in leadership at all levels of our nation and world. "Charleston Southern students, more than any other time in our history, we need you, the graduating class of 2009. We need your imagination, your hope, your optimism, your commitment, your leadership, and most of all your faith – your dreams."

For Edwin Squirewell, the journey from the small rural town of Ridgeway, S.C., and a college degree is a first for his family. A biochemistry major, Squirewell has been awarded the Dean's Merit Graduate Fellowship at the University of Iowa where he will receive an annual stipend of \$25,000, plus tuition, fringe and fees. Squirewell will spend the next five years working toward a PhD. His concentration will include research in the strategies of drug recovery, analysis and design. As he prepares for the next phase of his life, Squirewell adds, "I've been given so many opportunities to better myself; it's impossible to doubt that God has a greater purpose for me."

An honorary doctor of laws degree was conferred upon Tom Hood for his outstanding service to the community. Johnny E. Ward of Moncks Corner received an honorary doctor of public service degree. As past chairman of the board of trustees, Ward has generously devoted his time and resources to the betterment of the University. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Visitors. The distinguished service award was presented to Freda Turner Ott. The Ott family has been actively involved with the University for many years serving on the Women's Council, Board of Visitors and Buccaneer Club.

Kelly Nicole Laffey of Goose Creek was the recipient of The Myrtle E. Hamrick Award which is given to the graduate who exemplifies the highest virtues of womanhood; Quanequa T. Russell received The John A. Barry Scholar Award which is presented to the graduate who evidences the most promise for future scholarship; Dionne Gibson received The Hunter Cup which is presented to the graduate whose character, scholarship and athletic ability are deemed outstanding; and Clairisa Ellen Davis received the Carolyn Killen Hunter Outstanding Christian Teacher Endowed Scholarship and Award.

Laffey knows firsthand about the caring capacity of nurses. Her oldest son was born premature and spent several months in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit being nursed to health. It was during this time that her calling became clear. "My son is alive today because of talented health care professionals, more so the



Freda Ott received the Distinguished Service Award for her longtime support of the University from President Jarry Hunter  
Photo by Sherry Atkinson

nurses who tended to him. That inspiration has seen her through the nursing program and is a driving force behind the personal time that she dedicates to serving others. She has given of her time at places like the Ronald McDonald House, working at the soup kitchen at Crisis Ministries and volunteering at Special Olympics. Laffey now plans to work as a critical care nurse.

Danielle Alexander, a psychology major from Fayetteville, Ga., did something few graduates can boast of – carrying a perfect 4.0 grade point average through all four years. Alexander plans to begin work on her master's degree at the University of Georgia in the fall. "Charleston Southern is like family. You end up with many moms and dad. I will really miss CSU," she said.

Carolena Stemler, a double major in communication and Spanish from Concord, N.C., took an active role in campus life. Serving as chair of the commuter affairs committee in the Student Government Association was one of her passions. She encouraged commuters to get involved. "Be proactive about finding out what's going on and make friends: stay involved," she said.

Stemler has come a long way from an orphanage in Ecuador where she was abandoned on a bus. Stemler's adoptive mother, Barbara Stemler, said, "When we were told we could adopt her, the orphanage said she was 8 months old."

When looking for a college, Stemler was impressed with the small, family atmosphere at CSU. "You're not a number, you always hear that, but at CSU it's really true," she said. "One of my closest friends was my department chair, Dr. Pam Peek. This type of relationship is what is special at CSU."

Stemler recently completed an internship at Channel 5 news and is ready for whatever comes next. "When opportunity knocks, I'll be able to take it, no matter what it is."

"Each of us graduating this year has different stories and experiences that have led to this point in our lives," said Meghan Gerrity, vice president of the student body, who gave the senior class statement. "We are all grateful for those who helped us get to this point. Let us not forget that we have been prepared as graduates and our lives have been transformed by the power of Jesus Christ. Our degrees will enable us to not only get a job in the real world but to also influence the change it needs." ■

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*Thomas Hood, president and CEO of First Financial Holdings, Inc.*



Danielle Alexander earned a perfect 4.0 in her four years at CSU. Photo by Tam Odom



Dr. Jim Colman, vice president for academic affairs, hoods honorary doctorate recipient Johnny Ward. Photo by Sherry Atkinson



Thomas Hood, president and CEO of First Financial Holdings, Inc., delivered the commencement address and received an honorary doctorate. Photo by Sherry Atkinson

## MBA Program on the Rise

By Doug Dickerson

The MBA program continues to earn accolades as the growth and success of the program increases. The *Charlotte Business Journal* listed in its March 13 edition the Top 25 MBA programs in the Carolinas according to enrollment numbers. Charleston Southern ranked number 10 in the top 25, up one from the previous year.

With the recent formation of the Graduate Services Center, the services CSU offers are now streamlined for greater efficiency. "Processing of inquiries about the university's graduate programs as well as the processing of applications to the various graduate programs is faster now. In addition, current graduate students who need help with issues such as registration, financial aid, online courses, etc. can be helped in a more timely and accurate manner," said Dr. Bill Bowers, director of the Graduate Services Center.

Charleston Southern's ranking in the *Charlotte Business Journal* is reflective of impressive growth in the program over the past few years. The MBA program has tripled in size in the last six years. Enrollment has grown from less than 100 students in 2002 to more than 320 today. In terms of present

enrollment, the CSU MBA program is now the second largest program in the state only behind the program at the University of South Carolina.

Bowers credits the flexibility of the program and the services the Graduate Services Center provides as a factor for the program's success. "Providing a very high level of personal service to applicants and students together with the addition of online courses have been the keys to this growth. Students need the flexibility and convenience that our optional online courses offer. Many current students recommend Charleston Southern to their friends, neighbors, and co-workers, so much of our growth can be attributed to this positive word of mouth," he said.

Bowers said, "Charleston Southern sets itself apart from most MBA programs because we seek to instill innovative thinking and spark creative insights that are inspired from biblical principles," he said ■



The graduate program enrollment team: Ashley Millwood (seated), Christi Coghill, Alison Harrison and Dr. Bill Bowers.

Photo by Doug Dickerson

## SIFE Team Wins at Regionals



SIFE leader Logan Bennett presents the Rookie of the Year Award to President Jairy Hunter in Convocation

The CSU Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team was named Rookie of the Year at the SIFE USA Regional Competition recently in Charlotte.

"The Charleston Southern team accomplished a lot in its first year; they gave an outstanding presentation at the regional competition and looks forward to next year's competition," said Dr. David Houghton, the team's faculty advisor and Sam Walton Fellow.

The SIFE team is one of more than 500 SIFE programs in the United States. Participating students use business concepts to develop community outreach projects that improve the quality of life and standard of living for people in need.

The SIFE team organized several projects in the Charleston area, including a Commodity Trading Floor simulation in which area high school students became buyers and sellers of oil and developed a deeper understanding of market economics.

The culmination of the SIFE program is an annual series of competitions that provides a forum for teams to present the results of their projects, and to be evaluated by business leaders serving as judges. Teams compete first at the regional and national levels, then at the international level when the national champion teams from each country meet at the SIFE World Cup. ■



## Freshman Reading Assignment Reinforces Foundational Beliefs

By Sherry Atkinson

This summer's reading assignment for entering freshmen was the student edition of *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel. As an atheist, Strobel viewed Christianity as "nothing but superstition and wishful thinking" until his wife, Leslie, announced she had become a Christian. The positive changes in Leslie's life intrigued and motivated Strobel, a Harvard law graduate and legal editor of the *Chicago Tribune*. For almost two years, he committed himself to researching the case for and against Christ and chronicled his evidence and the outcome in the book, *The Case for Christ*.

According to Dr. Rick Brewer, vice president for planning and student affairs, recent studies from the Barna Group reveal that less than one-half percent of young people today have a Christian worldview. "The foundation for understanding Christian worldview and faith integration is understanding who Jesus is," said Brewer. "This book will help students who may not come with a good context and understanding of Christ and Christianity,

...and for others, it will reinforce what they already believe."

For incoming freshmen the book will be the focal point in New Student Orientation, freshman seminar classes and also in the residence halls' Bible studies. It's not unusual for schools to require summer reading, but the model that will be used at CSU offers the opportunity to engage not only incoming students, but all resident students and campus leadership including faculty, staff and residential staff.

Campus Minister Clark Carter is creating online training for residence halls staff, engaging them in dialog as they walk through the book together. Also, lunchtime book discussions will be offered several times during the summer and will be available for faculty and staff.

Then on Nov. 11, Strobel, currently a teaching pastor at Saddleback Valley Community Church, will be on campus to speak at convocation and will spend the day in a variety of seminars. ■



Photo by Sherry Atkinson

## Athletic Training Staff Earns Top Award

At the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association (SCATA) Annual Symposium, Charleston Southern was awarded the College and University Athletic Training Staff of the Year.

The staff is composed of seven certified athletic trainers: head athletic trainer, Toby Harkins; associate athletic trainer, Brad Drake; assistant athletic trainers, Tadd Turnquist, Tuesday Patterson, and Erin Weaver; intern athletic trainer, Cassie Kavanaugh; and ATEP curriculum director, Kelly Harkins.



Each staff member is state certified and an active member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association. Athletic Trainers are unique health care professionals who specialize in the prevention, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses. Certified athletic trainers are required to hold a bachelor's degree in athletic training and pass a national certification exam. They have to meet the requirements set by state legislation, and they practice under the direction of a physician. ■

# the COOKIE MOMSTER

BY SHERRY ATKINSON

WHEN LIFE BUMPS LYNN PREACHER YEAGER, SHE PLANTS HER FEET AND STANDS HER GROUND. TO SAY SHE IS DETERMINED IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO HER CHILD.

Life lined up for Lynn. She earned both her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1991 and her master's in education administration in 1995 from CSU. In 2002 she married Tim, the man of her dreams, and in November 2003, she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Jacob.

Soon after Jacob was born the family relocated to Jacksonville, Fla., where Tim could be closer to his company's home base. Lynn began teaching English to middle school children in a small Catholic school, and the family settled into their new home.

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"GOD ENTRUSTED  
THIS INCREDIBLE  
CHILD TO ME, AND  
I NEED TO BE ABLE  
TO FULLY GIVE BACK  
TO THAT GIFT."

## RED FLAGS

Jacob was a happy, loving baby. However, as he grew older, the Yeagers became concerned about his language skills. "It wasn't so much what Jacob did that set off the red flags; it was what he didn't do. He didn't start talking like other children develop language; he babbled but never really got past that," remembers Lynn. She recalls standing behind Jacob clapping as loudly as she could, screaming his name, but getting no response from him. They sought out an audiologist for hearing testing and found that Jacob's hearing was normal. It was the audiologist who first suggested his language delay could be a symptom of autism.

Lynn immediately contacted the only developmental pediatrician in Jacksonville and added her name to the six-month waiting list. Prior to the appointment, Lynn researched everywhere she could to disprove that her baby had autism. "I basically spent six months trying to convince myself that it wasn't autism," admits Lynn.

However, looking back, there was evidence of the disorder. "He would spin objects for hours and make an incredible game out of it and laugh and play," said Lynn. "He didn't play with his toys the way other kids did. He would turn a car over and play with the wheels but wouldn't necessarily play cars."

Six months later, at Jacob's first appointment, the physician performed a battery of diagnostic tests. Lynn vividly remembers the return office visit. "We went back fully expecting the pediatrician to say that he had autistic tendencies, but he would grow out of them; but that wasn't what we got. We got moderate to severe infantile autism."

## AN UNFAMILIAR WORLD

"The diagnosis threw us into an unfamiliar world — therapies we were not familiar with, biomedical issues, allergy issues." But the Yeagers wasted no time. Within a month, Jacob was enrolled in a preschool for children with disabilities and began speech, occupational and behavioral therapies. Meanwhile, Lynn continued to search out new therapies that might work for him.

Through research, Lynn discovered a DAN! (Defeat Autism Now) doctor located in Jacksonville, and Jacob soon began receiving medical care with Dr. Julie Buckley. Testing revealed that Jacob had high levels of metals in his blood and major food allergies.

Lynn gained greater insight into the food allergies and biomedical intervention for children with autism. She started Jacob on a special diet, eliminating gluten (wheat) and casein (dairy) products. According to Yeager, there is a strong correlation between food allergies and autism. "Because of the food allergies everything he eats is organic; it has to be homemade. There is no trip through the drivethrough when I'm squeezed for time," said Lynn.

Lynn relentlessly pursues every possible avenue available. "It's really trial and error, and we try to leave no stone unturned. There have been some therapies that have not worked for us, so we stopped them, and then there have been others that have been wonderful," said Lynn. She pauses. "You look at yourself as a warrior; you just keep going and keep trying and fighting to find the things that are going to work," she said. "God entrusted this incredible child to me, and I need to be able to fully give back to that gift."

Lynn and business partner Janice Copley prepare the cookie dough themselves in a gluten-free facility in Jacksonville. However, family members are ready to help when the two are up against deadlines



Everything Jacob does is 10 times longer than for a typical child. When Jacob sits at the table in a room where you find a movie running on a 60-inch screen, he is playing on every wall in the room, looking for words on a wall while reciting the Preamble of the Constitution and writing a letter to your best friend all at the same time. Then add a stroke of light flicking the whole room. Now try to fill it with all the extraneous input to do one task. That's what we had to keep in mind that Jacob does every single day.

Lynn Yeager



According to the Autistic Society of America, with 1 in 150 births, autism is the fastest-growing developmental disability.

## A BUSINESS BORN OUT OF DESPERATION

One morning Lynn voiced her frustration about trying to find reinforcers (motivational things to encourage Jacob during therapy) to fellow teacher Janice Copley. Janice suggested they come up with some of their own gluten-free and casein-free cookie recipes. The two teachers donned their aprons and began experimenting with different recipes. Their more-than-willing students tested 19 chocolate chip cookies rating them on texture, taste and visual appeal. The results were tallied, and the teachers took the best ratings and combined the recipes to create a delicious chocolate chip cookie.

"About this time, we had the idea that we could turn this into a business and help other moms who are struggling with the same thing. There was just nothing

on the market that could pass for a real cookie," said Lynn. In late spring 2008, Lynn contacted a friend at a small organic grocery store about carrying the frozen cookie dough. When the store agreed, the moms went into action, working on recipes, giving out samples, and getting the word out at support meetings. The cookies sold well, and Cookie Momsters, Inc. was in business.

Soon after, the cookies were discovered by Whole Foods Market that was opening a store in Jacksonville, and the Cookie Momsters seized the opportunity. "This whole business has been divine intervention, because it just landed in our laps," said Lynn. We interviewed with Whole Foods, took samples, and within 10 days we went through all the paperwork and were in the store for the opening. We were told later that that was really unheard of, that there are vendors who have waited 10 years to get into Whole Foods."



Lynn believes that it is no accident that these two business partners complement each other in their abilities and flexibility. "This business was born out of desperation. I thank God for giving me the tools to be able to do this and to give me the business partner who is able to pick up where I can't," said Lynn. "It's very interesting that she is the math teacher, and I'm the English teacher because I can't balance a checkbook and she can't speak publically. So it's a partnership made in heaven."

## SUPPORT

Lynn comes to the table as a mother of an autistic child and as a teacher. She sees her education evolving as the business expands and finds herself doing interviews, writing magazine articles and speaking to groups.

Her most rewarding experiences have been meeting other mothers in circumstances similar to her own. "It's amazing the strength and the camaraderie we share," said Lynn. "You're able to cut through all the social stuff and develop this true friendship based on the person. You see these parents who are all fighting for the rights of their children, and you feel an automatic connection to them."

Lynn is quick to name her father, Hugh Preacher, as their biggest supporter. He not only supports the family emotionally he also supports Lynn's decision to go full time in the business. He understands the family's commitment to do anything they can to ensure Jacob receives any treatment that is beneficial and has helped out financially. According to Lynn, most parents have to "foot" the bill as most insurances will not cover therapies. For the Yeagers, the bill can reach more than \$50,000 per year.

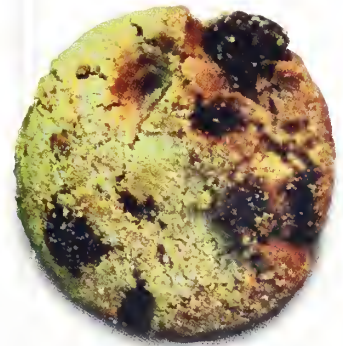
Lynn shares that the divorce rate for parents of autistic children is 85 percent. The Yeagers are beating the statistic by offering each other mutual respect and support. Time together is important, and they have found that enjoying time alone makes them better parents. But it is the promise they have made that is paramount. "We have made a vow to each other and to God to do whatever it takes to save our child and to keep our marriage intact," said Lynn.

So when the day is done and the cookies are made, appointments have been kept, therapies have been performed, there is a moment to reflect: "I would not have chosen this journey. Autism is heartbreaking. But I have learned to celebrate small successes and progress... and I have learned how to truly live an authentic life." ■

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The two are working to add 15 Whole Food stores in Florida to the list of stores which will carry their cookie dough which comes in three flavors – sugar, chocolate chip, and double chocolate. The three cookie dough recipes are patented as well as any future flavors and varieties. Other flavors are in the works including snickerdoodle and chocolate mint. The partners are also talking with a major grocery chain in Jacksonville about carrying the cookies and have even set their sites on possibly expanding the business "up north" to the Charleston area.

With the business expanding, Lynn and Janice are not returning to teaching next year. They are committed to working the business full time. However, Lynn's first goal is working with Jacob, helping him overcome obstacles through school, therapy sessions, and doctor appointments. She will have a more scheduled routine which means working cookie demos and support groups while Janice's more flexible routine will include delivering and traveling.



# a GREATER PURPOSE

Squirewell Awarded Graduate Fellowship

BY DOUG DICKERSON





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WHEN EDWIN FIRST STARTED DOING RESEARCH WITH ME, HE NEEDED A LOT OF TRAINING AND ENCOURAGEMENT, BUT HE PROVED TO BE A VERY QUICK STUDY, LEARNING THE EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN AND THE USES OF SEVERAL ADVANCED BIOCHEMICAL TECHNIQUES IN RECORD TIME. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT EDWIN WILL BE VERY SUCCESSFUL IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN I CAN CALL HIM ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES.”

— DR. ERIN BURKE

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quirewell was born and raised in the small rural town of Ridgeway, just north of Columbia. Along with his brother, he is the first generation of the Squirewell family to attend college.

Reflecting on his time at Charleston Southern, Squirewell says he is convinced CSU is the place God wanted him. “It’s no coincidence that I arrived at Charleston Southern and felt equipped by God to endure any educational challenges and personal dilemmas. I’ve developed a close relationship with many professors and am prepared to return to society the knowledge gained from disciplined study.”

Squirewell not only embraced the academic challenges he was presented with but excelled in the process. A biochemistry major, Squirewell has been awarded the Dean’s Merit Graduate Fellowship at the University of Iowa where he will receive an annual stipend of \$25,000, plus tuition, fringe, and fees. Based on current tuition, this offer is valued at approximately \$160,000 over the next five years to work toward a PhD. Squirewell accepted the offer and will study and research the strategies of drug discovery, analysis and design.

Inspired by what has happened to him while at Charleston Southern, Squirewell says, “I cannot deny that my Lord has plans for me. Five months ago I didn’t know what I wanted to do after graduation. My current plans are to work in the industry as a pharmaceutical development scientist dedicated to research designed to improve the quality of medication, and by extension, the quality of human life. The human body is an amazing creation. We are all created in God’s image and need to appreciate His greatest work by living righteous, healthy lives.”

One of his professors, Dr. Erin Burke, recalls the first time she met Squirewell. “When I first saw Edwin two years ago, I saw nothing but a bright guy with a lot of potential,” she said. “When Edwin first started doing research with me, he needed a lot of training and encouragement, but he proved to be a very quick study, learning the experimental design and the uses of several advanced biochemical techniques in record time. I have no doubt that Edwin will be very successful in his future endeavors, and I look forward to the day when I can call him one of my colleagues.”

Squirewell leaves Charleston Southern prepared for the new challenges he faces. He explains, “I am aware that not many Christians dwell in my field of science, where studies of evolution eclipse the power of creation and everything has a ‘logical explanation.’ My experience at Charleston Southern has taught me that my job as a Christian is to tell the Gospel of Jesus Christ, though it’s not my job to convict their hearts. I cannot boast about my accomplishments because everything I have has been given freely from God. In return, I ask Him to write His commandments in my heart and help me keep my mind on Him while I simultaneously pursue my career at the University of Iowa.”

As he prepares to enter the next phase of his life, Squirewell says, “I now realize I am not in charge of my life.” With appreciation for what transpired at Charleston Southern, he looks to the future, “I’ve been given so many opportunities to better myself, it’s impossible to doubt that God has a greater purpose for me.” ■

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# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BOARD OF VISITORS

Members of the Executive Council of the Board of Visitors are an influential group who benefit Charleston Southern in many ways. They refer prospective students, assist students in locating internships and permanent employment, develop financial resources, identify prospective donors and donate at the level of \$5,000 per year for three years.

Executive Council members also dine with a dean of one of the University's colleges or schools and other administrators twice a year, interact with family members, speak to student groups and serve on discussion panels.

Some of the Executive Council members are highlighted here.

Additional members will be featured in future magazines.

## R. Jason Caskey

*Shareholder, Elliott Davis, LLC, Member, CSU Board of Trustees*

*BS, Business, Administration, University of South Carolina*

### **How does your company serve the community?**

Our firm serves the community through serving on Boards of various community activities. In addition, we support their activities through volunteering and making financial contributions.

### **Why do you support student scholarships at Charleston Southern University?**

I support student scholarships because it is important to provide opportunities for students to receive a solid Christian education.



## Joe Land

*President, Comela Investments*

*BS, Marketing, University of South Carolina*



### **How does your company serve the community?**

We hire good people and give them an opportunity in a creative environment to become all they can be in their respective careers.

### **Why do you support student scholarships at Charleston Southern University?**

It is an easy decision to get on board to support CSU as you are doing things right. What a great way to get your degree; a great education in a wonderful Christian environment!

## Mary F.D. Williams

*President and CEO, Williams Tax Service, Inc.*

*BS, Accounting, Charleston Southern University, 1981*

### **How does your company serve the community?**

Williams Tax Services, Inc. offers tax planning, financial statements, personal home budgeting, business plans, forming corporation, assisting with audits, offers & compromise and planning retirement.

### **Why do you support student scholarships at Charleston Southern University?**

We firmly believe it is vital to get the youth involved in education and to invest in them to become productive citizens. Because of my education at CSU, I am able to employ all three of my children and one grandchild with the hopes after I am gone, my business will continue to thrive.



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BY BLAKE FREELAND



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CSU sports information

For most people a debilitating back injury would signal the end of an athletic career, and diving headfirst after a pair of back surgeries would be out of the question. It is pretty easy to see why sophomore Scotty Radabaugh is not like most people.

In his final high school game at James Island, Radabaugh tried to turn a double play. As he jumped to relay the throw, the runner sliding into second clipped his legs, sending him crashing to the dirt. The fall broke a facet joint in the L5 region of his back and caused a herniated disk.

The pain was so severe that it forced Radabaugh to contort his body, eventually causing his spine to curve into almost a J shape. Dr. Blake Dennis, Radabaugh's orthopedic surgeon, wanted to do surgery immediately. In June 2006, just before the start of his freshman year at Charleston Southern, surgeons fused his vertebrae together, using a bone graft from his hip. It took two rods and six screws, but it fixed the problem, and Radabaugh felt ready to play in the spring. He had already decided to redshirt the season, so he sat out but did play on an American Legion team over the summer.

He finally got to experience collegiate baseball in fall 2007, going through drills and off-season practice with the team. Just before the winter break, the pain started to creep back, forcing Radabaugh to have an MRI. Sure enough, the fusion was no longer solid, forcing a second surgery and ending his season before it began. The second surgery required six months of healing time.

"I really didn't see the light at the end," said Radabaugh. "Even after the first surgery, I kind of figured that I would have to take a different role with the team. I tried to help out however I could, knowing I wanted to be part of the team. I still wasn't satisfied because I believe God put the passion in my heart to play again."

Anxious to get back on the field after almost two years, Radabaugh was cleared to play in January, just before the season started for the Bucs. Although he wasn't in the starting lineup, he did see action in the first game of the year, getting a pinch hit at bat with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Immediately, Radabaugh showed signs of what was to come for the CSU faithful as he grounded a ball to the shortstop, diving in headfirst to beat it out for a base hit, and his first collegiate RBI.

Though it didn't win the game for CSU, it did send a message to anyone who would listen.

"All I felt was just relief that I could finally do what I loved again," said Radabaugh. "I know I am living on God-given time, so I try to play as hard and as honorable as I can while I am still able."

His decisions on how to live have affected his teammates and his coaches in numerous ways, on and off the field. At just 5'8" and 140 pounds he may not be the most gifted athlete, but it could be argued that he has the biggest heart in America.

"The biggest thing that Scotty brings to our team is the attitude of playing every day like it is your last, because on a couple of occasions, he thought he

had seen his last," said first-year Head Coach Stuart Lake. "He plays with a tenacity and enthusiasm that you can't teach and is really invaluable to our team, which is why he is our leadoff hitter. He deals with more physical restraints than most but works harder to account for that. He represents what a college student-athlete is all about. He has no concerns; he is just playing baseball, and it's very refreshing."

At press time Radabaugh had played in 46 of CSU's 52 games including 41 starts at everything from second base to the outfield, even serving as the designated hitter as he continues to show that he will do anything for his teammates. He has been the leadoff man in the order for CSU in 36 games and is hitting .300 for the season.

When CSU took the field against South Carolina on March 4 in the newly opened Carolina Stadium, it was fitting that Radabaugh was the

first batter of the game. As fans have come to expect, Radabaugh led off the game with a single to short, diving into the bag to beat the throw.

"That was one of the best baseball experiences that you can have," said Radabaugh. "To play against a team like South Carolina in a stadium like that was a great opportunity."

Even Radabaugh doesn't know what the future will hold, but for right now, he plans to continue playing baseball, while studying business and religion at CSU. After graduating in 2010, he will probably pursue a master's degree and eventually hopes to work for the department of natural resources. ■

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— STUART LAKE

# Student-Athletes Honored at 43rd Annual Banquet

By Blake Freeland

Charleston Southern athletics department gathered for the 43rd Annual Spring Athletic Banquet in April.

The soccer team won the Buc Cup for the second year in a row for their attendance at various sporting events on campus, while the football team took home the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's Team Community Service Award. Marie Doan, track & field, and Amy Trenkamp, softball, were also given service awards for their involvement as SAAC representatives and officers.

Two of the highest honors given were the Christian Leadership awards, given for spiritual leadership and athletic ability. Brittany Bolick, soccer, was named the R.L. Wynn

Christian Leadership Award winner, while J.P. Poisson, track & field, earned the Michael Frost Christian Athlete Award.

The Senior Male Athlete of the Year was football player Jake Killeen, who is second in CSU history for tackles-for-loss, despite playing just two seasons for the Bucs. All-everything on the track Dionne Gibson was the Senior Female Athlete of the Year, holding a share of 10 different school records, and earning USTFCCA All-American honors last year after posting the highest finish at the NCAA Championships of any CSU athlete.

Gibson's day was not done as she was also named the recipient of the Hunter Cup, an award named after President Jairy Hunter, which

recognizes an athlete for his or her all-around athletic, academic and character performances.

While many coaches provided scripture or inspirational words to the athletes, perhaps the biggest charge came from CSU alumnus and baseball coach, Stuart Lake. Lake told the crowd that much like many of the current athletes, when he attended the school it was easy to complain about what they did not have.

"What we did have was friendships," said Lake. "Those friendships are still there 14 years later. I want you all to be proud of where you are from, and once you graduate, come back and support the school, even if it is just coming to the games. It means so much to see all of the alumni in the stands." ■

## Individual awards:

### **Basketball (Men's)**

*Sportsmanship* – Joel Lamb, Billy Blackmon

### **Basketball (Women's)**

*Sportsmanship* – Tina DeCarvalho

*MVP* – Pam Tolbert

### **Cross Country (Men's)**

*Sportsmanship* – Jesse Huff

*MVP* – Andrew King

### **Cross Country (Women's)**

*Sportsmanship* – Aundraya Camp

*MVP* – Brittany Owens

### **Football**

*Sportsmanship* – Josh Warrior

*MVP* – Gerald Stevenson

### **Golf (Women's)**

*Sportsmanship* – Katrin Rumpf

*MVP* – Olivia Jordan-Higgins

### **Golf (Men's)**

*Sportsmanship* – Herve Gevers

*MVP* – Kelvin Day

### **Soccer**

*Sportsmanship* – Alyssa Budros

*MVP* – Brittany Bolick

### **Softball**

*Sportsmanship* – Elaine Edwards

*MVP* – Megan Lombard

### **Tennis (Women's)**

*Sportsmanship* – Andrea Schutte

*MVP* – Olga Makhova

### **Track and Field (Men's Indoor)**

*Sportsmanship* – Tom Lackland

*MVP* – Cornelius Tyler

### **Track and Field (Men's Outdoor)**

*Sportsmanship* – Cornelius Tyler

*MVP* – Levi Brooks

### **Track and Field (Women's Combined)**

*Sportsmanship* – Marie Doan

*MVP* – Dionne Gibson

### **Volleyball**

*Sportsmanship* – Emily Libertowski

*MVP* – Amanda Hill

### **Athletic Training**

*Newcomer of the Year* – Brittany Williams

*Student Trainer of the Year* – Crystal Rish

*Captain's Resolve* – Katie Tull, J.W. Myers

### **Cheerleading**

*Captain's Award* – Jessie King and Lindsey Green

*Most Improved* – April Crews

*Most Outstanding* – April Crews



## Nursing Graduate Inspired by Adversity

By Doug Dickerson

For May graduate, Kelly Laffey, the decision to become a nurse was not a hard one. Inspired by nurses who nursed her son to health, Laffey knows firsthand about the caring capacity of nurses. Her oldest son was born premature and spent several months in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. It was during this time that her calling became clear.

"My son is alive today because of talented health care professionals, more so the nurses who tended to him. Watching the nurses work on a day-to-day basis, nursing my son to health, was truly inspiring to me, and I knew at that point that I wanted to give back by providing those skills to someone else in need," said Laffey. That inspiration has seen her through the nursing program and is a driving force behind the personal time that she dedicates to serving others. She has given of her time at places like the Ronald McDonald House, working at the soup kitchen at Crisis Ministries and volunteering at Special Olympics.

Laffey juggled many responsibilities including that of wife, mother and student. Support from her family was essential to her success as she explains, "The love from my husband and family has given me the strength and confidence to pursue my dream of becoming a nurse. They gave me encouragement, guidance and inspiration to never give up. I am thankful for my supportive husband who stood by me throughout the years and my two children for their endless patience while in

school." From her strong support system she was able to attack her studies she says, "...with the level of maturity and commitment that ensured my success."

While support from her family was essential to her success, Laffey readily acknowledges her faith in God that saw her through. "Anything is possible with God," she explains. "I completely released myself to His will. He guided me through every rough road and trying time. I had total faith He would see me

through whatever obstacle I would come across. I am convinced these tests only strengthened my character and assisted with my preparation for the nursing profession."

Laffey plans to work as a critical care nurse "I find great comfort in providing nursing care to those who are very sick during a vulnerable time in their life," she said. Laffey says the nursing instructors at Charleston Southern gave her the encouragement and professional guidance she needed to succeed. ■

Kelly Laffey pauses in front of the science building  
Photo by Doug Dickerson



President Jairy Hunter presents Kelly Laffey with The Myrtle E. Hamrick Award which is given to the graduate who exemplifies the highest virtues of womanhood.

Photo by Sherry Atkinson

# 12TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

By Jan Joslin

**E**ach spring, the University hosts a day for donors and the students who have benefited from their generosity to meet.

Donors and students are given a chance to speak. Here are a few highlights from the day:

"Students – it's possible in grad school and in your first job to give back." Peter Copeland '04, Board of Visitors member, missionary, Intracoastal Outreach, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

"I really appreciate the Littlejohn Endowed Scholarship – without it I wouldn't be able to come to CSU. I didn't even have enough money for books. Your donations make a difference." Thomas Spurgeon, sophomore, psychology major, Greenville, S.C.

Recipient of the Whittington family scholarship: "As a music minor, I live there in your building. I don't think you have any idea what you donors mean to us. We want a future and don't know how to make it happen, but you make our dreams come true." Janae Hill, senior, kinesiology major, music minor, N. Augusta, S.C.

"I've been blessed to sit at the table with students who shared their stories. Students, remember how you've benefited and pay it

forward." Mark Smith, owner and vice president, McAlister-Smith Funeral Home, Board of Visitors member, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

"Hearing the stories this morning, it's going to make it easy to write the check next time." Dan Davis, supervisor, Berkeley County supervisor, Board of Visitors member, Hanahan, S.C. ■



LEFT Mark Smith, Board of Visitors member, visits with Aundraya Camp, a recipient of the Brashier Family Scholarship at the luncheon. *Photo by Lee Davis*

RIGHT Peter Copeland, a Board of Visitors member and 2004 alum, speaks at the scholarship luncheon. *Photo by Sherry Atkinson*



# Click to CONNECT

Life just got a little easier for alumni, friends and donors who give or desire to give to Charleston Southern University. When visiting the University's home page, [www.charlestonsouthern.edu](http://www.charlestonsouthern.edu), notice the new ALUMNI/GIVING tab.

## WITH THIS FEATURE YOU WILL FIND THE FOLLOWING AND MUCH MORE:

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the university logo and the tagline "Preparing Graduates. Transforming Lives." Below the navigation bar, there is a "GIVING and DEVELOPMENT" section. It includes a "Giving to Charleston Southern University" heading, a "Thank you for your interest..." paragraph, and several sub-sections: "Annual Fund Campaign", "Alumni Giving", and "President's Scholarship League". A "Board of Visitors" link is also visible.

- Give Now - a way you can securely and easily make a donation online
- Ways to Give- shows all the ways you can make an impact at CSU, from joining the Legacy Society, starting an endowment, giving a funded scholarship or simply giving a small gift to honor a loved one in your life
- Board of Visitors- lists the names of current members, event photos, important dates, joining information and much more.
- Development Officers- meet the team who can help you find the right fit so you can most impact Charleston Southern University students.

## Connect to Care

For additional information about Giving to CSU, contact the advancement office at [advancement@csuniv.edu](mailto:advancement@csuniv.edu) or 843-863-7513

## Lives Transformed on Baltimore Spring Break Trip

By Doug Dickerson

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Sophomore Kayla Sexton of Charleston described her spring break mission trip to Baltimore as “an experience of a lifetime.” Sexton was one of 27 members of a ministry team that traveled to Baltimore, Md., for spring break. This was the second year that a team from Charleston Southern has partnered with Embrace Baltimore – a 2-year emphasis by the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Not only did their ministry touch the lives of people in Baltimore it was also transformational for the team. Sexton added, “God provided me with a fresh look on life and opened new doors in my heart. The highlight of the

trip was getting baptized and God allowing me to experience His love and mercy while serving others.”

The team from Charleston Southern worked with The Church on Warren Avenue at Federal Hill. Federal Hill used to be a blue-collar area of Baltimore, but when the mills closed, the area became rundown. City officials decided to turn Federal Hill and the Inner Harbor areas into a tourist attraction. Today, the Federal Hill area is one of the most exclusive areas to live in.

The Church on Warren Avenue (then known as Lee Street Memorial) was a vibrant church but over time has dwindled down to

about 40 people, with the average age of membership around 70 years old. Armed with a vision to reach their city, the church needed help. Clark Carter, campus minister, and his ministry team went into action during their week in Baltimore to make a big impact. “Our students got a taste of what it means to be on a mission with God. Our prayer is that they will not be content with missions being limited to a trip but rather they adopt a missional lifestyle, always seeking to serve and honor God everyday of their lives,” he said.

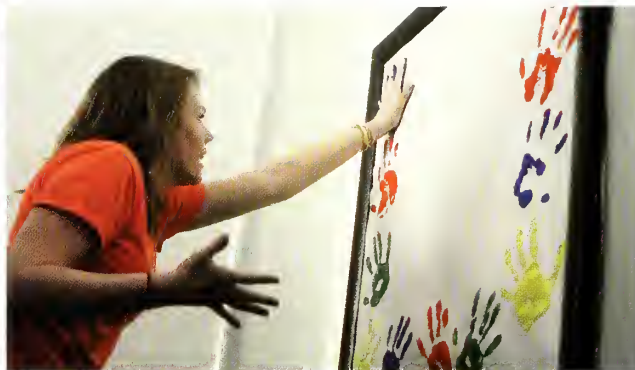
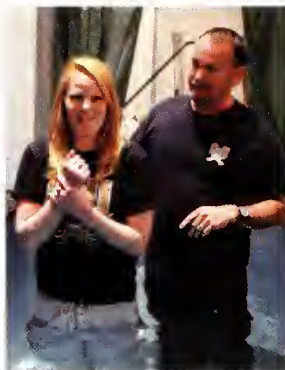
The team participated in 23 projects during their four days of ministry that included organizing all of the church’s important papers, updating the church’s Web site: <http://www.churchonwarrenave.com/>, created flyers for future church events, gave out Baby Baskets with necessities for 13 new mothers, offered a movie night for neighborhood children, conducted Bible studies, held a prayer walk for the city, and offered a sidewalk café, to name a few. On the last night 12 Charleston Southern students were baptized.

Jaimee LaFave, the director of mobilization for Embrace Baltimore, said, “It was great to have the team from Charleston Southern come and serve in Baltimore with The Church on Warren Avenue. They truly represented the Embrace Baltimore spirit of embracing the region with the love of Christ in the Federal Hill neighborhood.”

Sophomore Matt Davis of Clinton, S.C., will long remember his time of ministry. “Baltimore was an experience I will never forget. It was awesome to see God work through our team and to accomplish His goals. My life has been deeply changed by the Baltimore experience,” he said.

For Carter, the faithfulness of the team to obey God’s call to go to Baltimore coupled with the faithfulness of God was a rewarding experience. “I know that Baltimore has been touched and changed because our students were faithful to accept the call to give their lives and their spring break to share the love of Christ,” he said.

You can read more about the mission trip on Carter’s blog <http://csucampusminister.wordpress.com/>. ■



## Miracle League Ministry a Hit

By Doug Dickerson

Sophomore Josh Gale says spending time on Saturdays at the Saul Alexander Park in Summerville with the Summerville Miracle League “has become a blessing to all Charleston Southern students and faculty that are involved.”

Gale is one of many Charleston Southern volunteers who spend several hours each Saturday volunteering their time to work with the Summerville Miracle League. The league provides children with disabilities a place to come and play baseball with caring counselors who give of their time to build relationships and practice their faith.

Charleston Southern is a sponsor of one of the four teams that plays each Saturday. The team, appropriately named the Buccaneers, is supported each week with volunteers from Charleston Southern that include members of the football team, Residence Life, SGA, and Campus Crusade for Christ.

“The Summerville ballpark provides nothing but encouragement, joy and love. The schools’ sponsorship and the students’ assistance gives the children a sense of belonging,” said Gale. “The children have overcome so many obstacles in these past several weeks and have been an encouragement to their buddies as well,” he added.

The impact of the ministry to the children and their families has been meaningful as Gale relates a comment from one of the mothers of a child who plays on the Buccaneer team. “The mother of a little girl said to me, ‘Every week when we pass by Charleston Southern on our way to the doctor she belts out, that’s my school.’ It was at that point that I realized that these children feel like they are not just Buccaneers, but they are Charleston Southern Buccaneers.”

The season ended in May, but the impact from the Saturdays with the Summerville Miracle League will long be remembered. Gale



Josh Gale assists his buddy Henry O'Grady at the Summerville Miracle League  
Photo by Sandy Freshman

says he is proud of the way Charleston Southern stepped up to the plate and ministered to the children and to their families. “To see other students besides me giving up their Saturday morning to serve others, speaks volumes about how CSU is building up servant leaders,” he said. ■

## 2009 business grads leaving a legacy

By Jan Joslin

Seniors in Dr. Mac Anderson’s Nonprofit Marketing class made time for a unique project on their way to graduation. The class developed a fundraising project that they hope in time will lead to an endowed scholarship for the School of Business.

The project served to provide a nonprofit marketing experience while helping a nonprofit organization achieve its service objectives.

Garrett Abel, serving as the spokesperson for the class, spoke at the graduation luncheon. “This is an appropriate time to celebrate our individual commitments,” Abel said. “Our class had a goal to start a tradition of giving by business students. We also challenge other alumni and departments to give.”

The class set an objective to establish a tradition of excellence in giving by making a class gift to the Business School. “We hope




Nonprofit Marketing class members present President Hunter with a check at convocation. Pictured are Garrett Abel, President Jarry Hunter, Shaun Miles, Sarah Staves, Justin Mullinax, Aundraya Camp, Chase Chambers, Logan Bennett, Jameson Wiley. Photo by Sherry Atkinson

that our project will inspire future graduating classes to make class gifts to the Business School and to become annual donors,” they said. The seniors want to have more donors from the Class of 2009 than any other class this year. To date 27 members of the Class of '09 have contributed.

In an effort to raise more money, the students offered custom car detailing services in addition to traditional fundraising efforts.

The seniors far surpassed their goal of raising \$1,000 and were at \$2,075 at press time. ■





God  
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BY DOUG DICKERSON

The road from Manning, S.C., to the corridors of prison as a Field Director for Prison Fellowship may not have been a part of Abigail Timmons' original career path. But for this 2008 graduate, prison is exactly where God wants her.

# Timmons

became involved with Prison Fellowship in

the fall of 2006 following a visit to Charleston Southern by the staff of Prison Fellowship to recruit volunteers. A campus ministry team was begun, and Timmons served as the student leader. The past few years, students from Charleston Southern have been actively involved with Prison Fellowship serving in numerous capacities.

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At Charleston Southern, Timmons' view of ministry began to take shape. "I would have to say one of the things that I learned while at CSU was that ministry does not start and end inside of a church building. Ministry is not only done by people who have the title of pastor or people who work for a ministry but by everyone in the body of Christ. Whether you are a nurse, cop, professor or salesperson, we all have ministry opportunities and are called to serve God with our lives," she said.

Timmons reflected on how her view of prisoners has changed since she began her ministry with Prison Fellowship. "Television and movies have greatly influenced our opinion of prisoners and what it's like on the inside of a prison," she explains. "I can honestly say that a few years ago I would have had the same misconceptions about prison and the people there. Serving with Prison Fellowship, I have realized that this stereotype is not an accurate picture of many men and women behind bars."

Timmons says that the notion that all prisoners are violent, untrustworthy, and irresponsible, adds to the stereotype many have. "These people are mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters, not just a number on a uniform. They have made mistakes and are paying a price for those mistakes, and they are just as worthy of Christ's love and redemption as the family across the street," she said.

The encounters inside prison have made a powerful impact on Timmons' life. Timmons shares, "Two years ago, when I first stepped foot inside of the Bible study at

the prison in Ridgeville, I was encouraged to see the devotion and joy in the faces of those men who knew Christ there. They have hit rock bottom, and understand the grace and forgiveness that Christ freely offers. Many of these men meet to pray with each other daily, hold each other accountable and have a strong love for God and each other."

Full-time ministry has taught Timmons many lessons since graduating. One of the biggest lessons is learning to trust in God's provision. "I am required to raise my own financial support to cover salary and ministry budget expenses. This task has taken me out of my comfort zone and helped me to learn to trust that God will provide for what He has called us to do. If it wasn't for the donors who support me, my role with Prison Fellowship wouldn't be possible, and I am grateful for their help."

"Abigail Timmons represents the best of CSU given her commitment to lead by serving. She exemplifies the university's mission and vision as she intentionally integrates her faith in Christ with a hurting, needy population. Indeed, her example of excellence in scholarship and service continues to encourage and challenge members of the CSU family," said Dr. Rick Brewer, vice president for student affairs and athletics.

As for Timmons, she continues to follow the path that God has placed before her. "I am blessed to be constantly reminded of God's redemption and grace through the mission of Prison Fellowship," she said. ■





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- Dr. Rick Brewer, vice president for student affairs and athletics

# Class notes



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## 1969

**Dr. Wayne Miller**, founder and president of Cathedral Bible College of Myrtle Beach, S.C., recently announced that the college has received a student from India, making this the 30th country represented in the student body over the past 34 years. Cathedral Bible College had students from 12 nations among its student body of 250 for academic year 2008-2009. Dr. Miller credits his experience as part of the first class at Charleston Southern as crucial in his founding of Cathedral Bible College in 1975. To learn more you can visit [www.cathedralministries.org](http://www.cathedralministries.org).

## 1970

**Ron DeWitt** is the director, division manager of the Truestone, LLC Charleston office which mainly supports SPAWAR Service Center Charleston Department of Defense Command and Control Programs. He is a member of the CSU Board of Visitors.

## 1973

**Joe W. King** has been named to the Medical University of South Carolina Board of Visitors. He is the executive director for the Florence County Economic Development Partnership.

**Jim Ramsey** has been appointed chairman of the Darlington Economic Development Partnership. Jim is president of Diamond Hill Plywood in Darlington and is executive vice president of Darlington Veneer Company.

## 1990

**Sid Farmer** has been named director of activities at Mountain Brook Village, a retirement community in Sevierville, Tenn.

## 1993



▲ **Natalie Dunn** has been named executive director/CEO for YWCA in Salem, Ore. During a nine year career with Wachovia Bank, she was promoted numerous times in the retail service division including a relocation to Salem in 2004. While at Wachovia, Natalie coordinated various site initiatives around leadership development and diversity.

She began her involvement with the YWCA after attending a cultural diversity conference in 2005. She was elected to the board of directors in December 2007. She served as cochair on the development committee and was a member of the publicity and finance committees. Natalie is an avid golfer and loves spending time with her dogs, A.J. and Tiger.

## 1997

**Edna Boroski** received her Ph.D. in organization and management, leadership specialization, from Capella University in March. She is an instructor and the director of cooperative education at Trident Technical College.



▲ **Tracy and Donnie Wade** announce the birth of a son, Jonathan Tyler, Sept. 29, 2008. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. and was 22 inches long. Donnie and Tracy live in Chester, S.C., where Donnie is in his second term as Chester County

auditor, and Tracy is a stay-at-home mom. They have three other children: Hannah, 9, Corey, 6, and Allie, 3. They blog at <http://ringmasterofthe3ringcircus.blogspot.com>.

**Thomas Webb** has been accepted into the University of South Carolina Law School in Columbia and plans to start classes in the fall. You can keep in touch with Thomas at [twebb4@localnet.com](mailto:twebb4@localnet.com).

## 1999



▲ **Edna L. Edwards** and Kelvin B. Williams were married Dec. 20, 2008, in Summerville, S.C. Edna is currently serving as president of the CSU Alumni Association and is a service banker at Wachovia Bank, a Wells Fargo Company. The Williams reside in Summerville.

## 2001

Lauren Baxley Jordan and **Thomas Percy Culclasure Jr.** were married May 9 in Charleston. Thomas attends the Charleston School of Law, and they live in Charleston.

# KEEP in TOUCH

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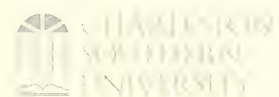
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# SCHOOL TIES

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## 2002

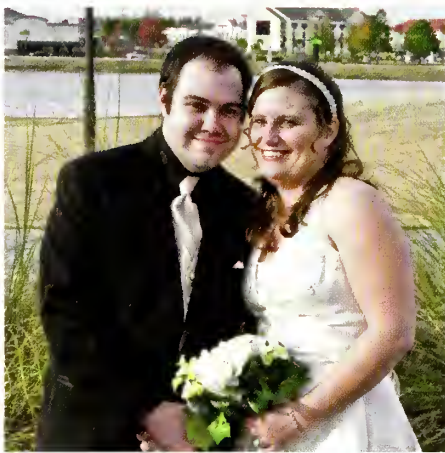
Tosha Smith and **Drew Slice** were married Feb. 24 on Antigua. Drew is a professional performer at Dollywood Theme Park in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

## 2003



▲ **Helen C. Ham's** daughter, Eden Weltz, celebrated her first birthday March 26, 2009, with a party. Helen writes, "After I graduated from CSU, I went on to earn an MAT-English from Winthrop University in 2006. I now teach American Literature at York Comprehensive High School in York, S.C." Helen and her husband, Briant Weltz, and daughter, Eden, live in Rock Hill.

## 2005



▲ **Kimberly Bussinah** and Stephen Capracotta were married Dec. 13, 2008, in St. James Catholic Church in Savannah, Ga. Kimberly works in the office of faith formation for the Catholic Diocese of Savannah, and Stephen is an aerospace engineer employed by Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation in Savannah. They live in Pooler, Ga.

**Lauren Marie Gibson** and David Billy Polk were married Feb. 1 in Summerville, S.C. Lauren is a contract specialist at Blackbaud. They live in Harleyville, S.C.

## 2006

**Stefanie Bowen** and Kevin Ridley were married April 11 in Simpsonville, S.C. Stefanie teaches social studies at Spearman Elementary School. They live in Williamston, S.C.

**Harvey Hyman**, MBA, completed active duty enlistment with the Coast Guard and will be attending the University of South Florida in the fall to work toward a Ph.D.

**Robin Leigh Matthews** and James Ray Parker Jr. were married April 25 in Florence, S.C. Robin is the lead therapist for the S.C. Early Autism Project. They live in Scranton, S.C.



▲ **Heather Elizabeth Turbeville** and Michael Stephen Hodges were married March 21 in Darlington, S.C. She is employed by Cornerstone Baptist Church, and they live in Florence, S.C.

## 2007

**LaToya Denise Norman** and Derrick Lamont Hughes were married March 7 in Coronaca, S.C. She works at GEL Laboratories, and they live Charleston.

# 2009 fall athletic schedules

Home games in Bold • Log onto [csusports.com](http://csusports.com) for game times and locations

## FOOTBALL

- 9/5 @ Florida
- 9/12 @ Wofford
- 9/19 @ South Florida
- 9/26 North Greenville**  
*(Youth Football Day)*
- 10/3 Savannah State**
- 10/17 @ Gardner-Webb
- 10/24 Liberty (Homecoming)**
- 10/31 @ VMI
- 11/7 @ Presbyterian
- 11/14 Stony Brook**
- 11/21 Coastal Carolina**

Men's and Women's  
Cross Country  
schedules TBA

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

- 8/22 Georgia Southern**
- 8/28 Alabama State**
- 9/1 USC Upstate**
- 9/4 vs. Richmond *(LU Tournament)*
- 9/6 @ Longwood *(LU Tournament)*
- 9/9 @ The Citadel
- 9/15 @ S.C. State
- 9/19 Newberry**
- 9/22 @ College of Charleston  
*(Silver Cup Match)*
- 9/27 @ Francis Marion
- 10/3 @ Liberty
- 10/5 @ High Point
- 10/10 Radford**
- 10/12 VMI**
- 10/16 @ UNC Asheville
- 10/18 @ Presbyterian
- 10/23 @ Coastal Carolina
- 10/29 Winthrop**
- 10/31 Gardner-Webb**  
*(Blackbaud Stadium)*
- 11/5-8 Big South Championship**  
*(Blackbaud Stadium)*

## VOLLEYBALL

- 8/28 vs. Davidson *(N.C. State Tournament)*
- 8/28 @N.C. State *(N.C. State Tournament)*
- 8/29 vs. Morgan State *(N.C. State Tournament)*
- 8/29 vs. Campbell *(N.C. State Tournament)*
- 9/1 Savannah State**
- 9/4-5 @ Arizona State Tournament *(ASU, UTEP, Idaho State)*
- 9/8 @The Citadel
- 9/16 vs. Georgia Southern
- 9/18 vs. Alabama State *(S.C. State Tournament)*
- 9/18 vs. N.C. Central *(S.C. State Tournament)*
- 9/19 vs. The Citadel *(S.C. State Tournament)*
- 9/19 @ S.C. State *(S.C. State Tournament)*
- 9/22 @ College of Charleston
- 9/26 Presbyterian**
- 9/29 Winthrop**
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- 11/7 @ Radford
- 11/13 High Point**
- 11/14 Liberty**
- 11/19 @ Big South Championships



# GO BUCS!



▲ **Katie Thomasson Roberts** and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of their son, Landon Christopher. He was born Jan. 9, weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz and was 19 inches long. Katie writes, "We now live in Summerville. I am teaching 7th grade at Dubose Middle School, and my husband, Chris, works for Unitherm Inc. Being parents would have to be the best thing we have ever experienced."

## 2008

**April LeMaire Knight** is a live worship artist and freelance painter. She was a chapel speaker at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, in April. Her Web site is <http://worship-artist.com>.

**Candace M. Martin** and her husband, Wes, announce the birth of their second son, Braylen Isaiah, born Oct. 2, 2008, weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. and 22 inches long. Braylen was welcomed by his big brother, Ryan, age 5. Candace is enjoying the pleasure of being a stay-at-home mom, and the family is currently residing in North Charleston.

## 2009

**Lebanaye S. Butler**, MEd, and Joey J. Smalls were married March 7 in Charleston. She is employed at Minnie Hughs Elementary School, and they live in Ravenel, S.C.

## Calling All

# Baby Bucs!



A new section will debut in the Fall 2009 *CSU Magazine*, the Baby Buc page. If you are expecting a child or have a child under the age of 2, please let us know by contacting David Weiss at [alumni@csuniv.edu](mailto:alumni@csuniv.edu), and we will send you a CSU creeper for your Baby Buc! The shirt is free of charge – all we ask in return is a photo of your Baby Buc for the magazine!

pictured: Cameron Weiss, CSU Freshman class of 2027, son of David '03 and Stephanie Weiss.

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annual graduation luncheon

## Summey addresses the Class of 2009

By Jan Joslin

The Alumni Association hosted its annual graduation luncheon May 8. Keynote speaker was The Honorable Keith Summey '69, mayor of the City of North Charleston. Summey said he started his college career on academic probation. He hadn't planned on attending college, and the new Baptist College (now CSU) took a chance on him. Summey's girlfriend, Deborah Crosby '70, said, "You're not going to college? Undoubtedly, you're not planning on marrying me then."

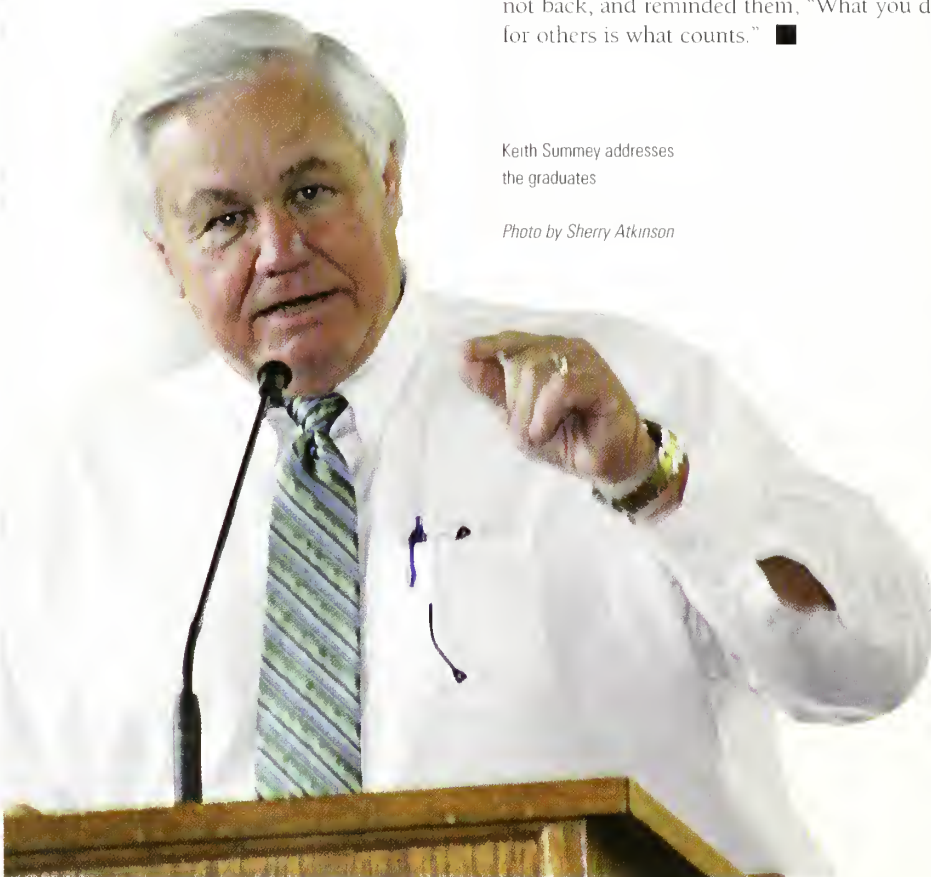
Summey and his classmates from the class of 1969, the first four-year class at the college, will celebrate their 40th reunion this fall. And, Summey added, "I'll celebrate my 40th wedding anniversary this year."

Summey told the class of 2009 not to be afraid of the job market and economy. "You're prepared for the future," he said. "Your CSU education has provided you with ability, character, work ethic, respect for yourself and others and determination that you can do anything that comes your way," said Summey. "Your education gives you the opportunity to respond when opportunity knocks," he said.

Summey told the graduates to look ahead, not back, and reminded them, "What you do for others is what counts." ■

Keith Summey addresses the graduates

Photo by Sherry Atkinson



## Recognizing Class of 2009

Lili Gresham '02 delivered the recognition of the alumni on behalf of the Alumni Board. Gresham is director of corporate relations and planned giving at CSU and holds a master of mass communications from the University of South Carolina.

Gresham's remarks to the graduates follow:

Seven years ago I was just like you – getting ready to walk on that stage.

However, I was so exhausted from pouring my heart and soul into academics and student leadership roles that I was not excited about graduation. My focus was my steps beyond graduation day. I did not reflect, celebrate or properly appreciate my time at Charleston Southern.

However, when I entered graduate school at a large public university I realized how truly grateful and appreciative I had become for CSU. I missed the presence of God in the classroom; I missed the mission of the University – the friendships, professors, the ducks! I had been in too much of a rush to leave.

Enjoy this time of celebration and reflection in your life!

I am reminded of the quote: Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.

Don't forget: The all-nighter cramming for finals and hours spent making notecards for a dreadful exam.

The excitement of sitting on a bench by the reflection pond talking to that special someone. The drama in the dorm when a mystery person "borrowed" your favorite shoes. The time a professor spent with you outside the classroom to help with an assignment.

These memories are priceless – do not throw them out with your notebooks!

Besides the memories, also reflect on how Charleston Southern has changed who you have become. When I was a student, I had



New recipients of the Alumni Association Scholarship were invited to the graduation luncheon. Heather Brigman '10, second from left, is greeted by association members Tony Fountain '85, Anne Turner '85, '89 MEd, '05 MEd, and Edna Edwards Williams '99. Other Alumni Association Scholarship winners are Cristina Cease, Whitney Horn and Shelley Lemerande.



taken some challenging classes and was in desperate need for some easier credits. So, I took a bowling class – that went great! Then I took a first aid class – and it was in this class where we learned CPR and how this simple technique could bring a lifeless, possibly hopeless, body back to life.

For many of you, CSU was your CPR.

Many of you found direction in life when you discovered a degree that brought you passion and a career direction.

Some of you were brought back to life through rededication to your Christian walk.

And most importantly, some were given new life through salvation from our Savior.

Today, I use the acronym CPR as a reminder of the life you experienced at CSU and why it is vital to keep that life strong as a member of the Alumni Association.

### C – Communication:

- Let us know how you are doing! Send wedding photos and baby announcements and career moves to the *CSU Magazine*.
- Keep in touch with the professors and staff who touched your lives. Let them know how you are doing and, remember, one day you may need a letter of recommendation.

### P – Pray:

- Pray for the University – for the faculty, staff, students and direction of the University. This is the most powerful tool you have, and as CSU continues to thrive, the value of your college degree will only increase.

### R – Return:

- Come back to the campus – come to homecoming, bring your family to feed the ducks and witness the progress of the University.

And finally,

- Return financially – I am not asking for enough money to name a building after you (but we can accommodate that if you like) but \$20 or \$30 from your first paycheck to the Alumni Association for student scholarships. Many of you received scholarships and this was because of the generosity of others who had faith in you. ■



Ami Frierson and Ally Baker break out the 2009 shades before graduation rehearsal.  
Photo by Sherry Atkinson



Husband and wife, Terry '02 and Saskia Hamlin Keller '03 were happy about earning master's degrees. Terry received the master of education in secondary administration, and Saskia received the master of education in elementary education. Photo by Sherry Atkinson

## Founding Classes to be Honored at Homecoming 2009

By David Weiss '03

**M**ark your calendars now for the weekend of October 22-25, because Homecoming 2009 is already shaping up to be one of the best ever. There will be plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy, plus the Homecoming football contest against Liberty University. Homecoming is special this year as we mark the 40th reunion of the Founding Classes. You have been reading about this reunion in *CSU Magazine* for more than a year now, and the time for celebrating has finally arrived. The Founding Classes, made up of those who graduated in 1967, 1968, and 1969, are truly the pioneers who paved the way for more than 13,000 graduates who would follow in their footsteps. All of us who have had the opportunity to attend Charleston Southern owe these classes a debt of gratitude.

Homecoming Weekend will provide all alumni with a wonderful opportunity to spend time on campus and reconnect with classmates and professors. Please take a look at the schedule of events for Homecoming Weekend. Events planned especially for the Founding Classes are highlighted. Also, log on to [www.charlestonsouthern.edu/alumni](http://www.charlestonsouthern.edu/alumni) for up-to-date Homecoming information... more great events are coming!

### Thursday, October 22

#### 5K FUN RUN/WALK, 7:15 P.M., FIELD HOUSE LAWN

Alumni, Students, Faculty, and Staff are invited to join the 2009 5K Fun Run and Walk. This is the traditional kickoff to Homecoming Weekend. T-shirts will be provided to student runners, and winners will be announced in various categories. No cost.

#### ELEVATE @ 8, 8 P.M., FIELD HOUSE LAWN

Elevate, the weekly campus worship service, will be held on the lawn of the Field House. Join us for a wonderful time of worship with our students and the Elevate Praise Band.

#### 2ND ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL, 9 P.M., FIELD HOUSE LAWN

The Second annual Fall Festival will be held at the conclusion of the Fun Run and Elevate. There will be plenty of games and activities for the whole family to enjoy. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided, and a bonfire/pep rally will be held to get us "fired" up for the Liberty game! No cost.

### Friday, October 23

#### PRESIDENT'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT, NOON SHOTGUN START, THE GOLF CLUB AT WESCOTT PLANTATION

Alumni are encouraged to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at the 22nd annual President's Cup Golf Tournament. The format is captain's choice, and golfers will be arranged in teams of four. Register a team or individually at a cost of \$75 per player. There will be prizes for the top 3 teams, longest drive, and closest to the pin. There will also be a hole in one challenge with a grand prize of a new car! An awards banquet will be held at the conclusion of the tournament, and non-golfers can attend the banquet for \$10 each. Contact David Weiss in the Alumni Office at 843-863-7516 or [dweiss@csuniv.edu](mailto:dweiss@csuniv.edu) to register or for more information. Watch your mailboxes for a separate brochure coming soon!

#### FRIDAY OUTDOOR MOVIE, 9 P.M., SCIENCE BUILDING LAWN

Students and Alumni are invited to join us for a movie on the lawn! A classic movie will be shown, and popcorn, peanuts, and soft drinks will be provided. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy!





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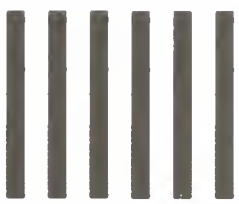
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## Saturday, October 24

### CSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, 10 A.M., DPW NURSING BUILDING AUDITORIUM

Alumni are invited to attend the CSUAA annual meeting on Saturday morning. Alumni Board members and Alumni Association officers will be elected, and University administrators will be available to answer your questions. Light refreshments will be served. No cost.

### CSU CAMPUS TOURS, 10:45 A.M., ALUMNI TENT NEAR FOOTBALL STADIUM

How much has the campus changed since your graduation? Alumni are invited to tour the campus and see firsthand the new buildings and improvements to the campus. Tours will start at the Alumni Tent near the football stadium. No cost.

### ALUMNI TAILGATE LUNCH, 11 A.M., ALUMNI TENT NEAR FOOTBALL STADIUM

Join the CSUAA at the big tent located near the football stadium for a great time of fellowship and great tailgate food. Lunch tickets are \$7 each.

### DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REUNION, 11 A.M., ALUMNI TENT

The Department of Criminal Justice will be holding a reunion during the Alumni Tailgate Lunch. Criminal Justice professors will be attending, and all Bachelor's and Master's Criminal Justice Alumni are encouraged to stop by!

### BUC WALK 2009, NOON, NEAR ALUMNI TENT

The whole family is encouraged to attend Buc Walk 2009. Enjoy the floats and displays from the various clubs and organizations on campus, the Air Force ROTC, and the CSU Marching Bucs. Also, our Homecoming Court nominees will appear in the walk, along with President Hunter! No cost.

### CSU FOOTBALL VS. LIBERTY, 1:30 P.M., CSU STADIUM

Watch as the Buccaneers take on defending Big South Champion Liberty at CSU Stadium. General admission tickets are available for \$10 each. The Founding Classes will have a special reserved section and will be recognized during the game.

### FOUNDING CLASSES 40TH REUNION RECEPTION AND DINNER, 7 P.M., SCIENCE BUILDING/ STROM THURMOND CENTER CAFETERIA

This is the big event! The founding classes will celebrate their 40th reunion at this event on Saturday evening. A reception will be held in the Science Building at 7, followed by dinner in the cafeteria at 8. Come out to fellowship with your classmates, their spouses, and professors and coaches from your BCC days. Tickets to this wonderful event will be \$75 per person. Keep an eye on your mailbox for registration information.



## Sunday, October 25

### CAMPUS WORSHIP, 11 A.M., LIGHTSEY CHAPEL AUDITORIUM

Everyone is invited to join Summit Church for campus worship in the Lightsey Chapel.

### SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES, 3 P.M., LIGHTSEY CHAPEL AUDITORIUM

Alumni and guests are invited to support our music students and faculty by attending this free Jazz Band concert.

There are more events to come! Please log on to [www.charlestonsouthern.edu/alumni](http://www.charlestonsouthern.edu/alumni) for the most up-to-date event listings. ■



## 2009 Alumni Award Winners Honored

The 2009 Alumni Award winners were honored during convocation in April. Under the leadership of Alumni Association President Edna Edwards Williams '99, the Alumni Board selected four graduates to be recognized as 2009's Outstanding Alumni. Williams was assisted in giving out the awards by Alumni Director David Weiss '03 and Alumni Board members Tony Fountain '85 and Anne Turner '86. "These four Alumni represent the best of Charleston Southern," said Williams. "It is an honor to be able to recognize these remarkable graduates for their accomplishments."

### Outstanding Alumnus of the Year:

#### Raul Chang '07

2Lt Raul Chang is no stranger to accolades during his career in the United States Air Force. Prior to attending Charleston Southern, Chang served 10 years as an enlisted member of the USAF. As a member of CSU's Air Force ROTC, Chang's leadership was instrumental in helping Detachment 772 earn the honor of Best Small Detachment in the Nation for 2007. A native of Panama, Chang graduated from Charleston Southern in 2007 and earned his commission in the USAF. He is currently assigned to the HQ Ninth Air Force/United States Air Forces Central (ACC) as a Network Operations and Security Center Crew Commander at Shaw Air Force Base in

Sumter, S.C. He currently leads 37 military and civilian NOSC operations crew members who monitor and restore network service outages. In addition, he implements network defense, metric collection, outage forecasting, and help desk trouble ticket management tracking. Lieutenant Chang was deployed to Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar in 2008, where he was key to managing \$1 billion in assets for information transport systems, providing air combat support at more than 21 locations for the Air Force. While in the Middle East, Chang also spent time at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan and Ali Al Salem in Kuwait where he trained personnel on various communications systems. Chang personally assisted in the prevention of the spread of a malicious worm to Department of Defense systems, and was instrumental in maintaining the safety of sensitive national security information.



## Alumni Association Service Award:

### Aaron Dunn '82

Service is the first word that comes to mind when one thinks of Aaron Dunn. A 1982 graduate, Dunn has been active in the Alumni Association and in the lives of CSU students. Even shortly after graduation, he allowed Baptist College students to stay at his home during Christmas break and other times when the campus was closed. He has always been very generous of his time and his money. He has allowed students to do laundry at his home and has fed them when they were hungry. Dunn has served multiple terms on the Alumni Board, and he is currently serving as Vice President of the Alumni Association. Dunn has also been a member of the Board of Visitors for more than five years. He takes an active role regarding his duties to the Alumni Association and has consistently demonstrated a desire to go above and beyond the requested involvement. For the last 5 years, Dunn has donated of his own time to help the students who make calls for the Phonathon annual fund drive. He is currently employed by Lowcountry Aids Services, a local nonprofit dedicated to assisting those suffering with HIV and the AIDS virus. Dunn also works part time in CSU's counseling department. He is a longtime member of Deer Park Baptist Church, which also takes an active role in ministering to CSU students.

## Alumnus Community Service Award:

### Kevin Futrell '89

Involvement in the local community is something that has always been important to Kevin Futrell. A 1989 graduate, Futrell takes an active role in the Charleston community and his alma mater. Futrell is involved in youth sports in the Lowcountry, coaching the Orange Crush, a traveling under-12 baseball team in Hanahan. He also coaches the 5th through 8th grade Upward basketball team at Highland Park Baptist Church, also in Hanahan. He is a longtime member of the Board of Visitors organization, helping support student scholarship efforts at Charleston Southern. As a former baseball player, Futrell has taken an active role in the future of the CSU baseball program. He is a founding member of Building Buccaneer Baseball, the current facilities campaign for baseball. He has helped organize and plan fundraising events and made personal contributions toward the campaign. Futrell and his wife, Nora, have two children, Stephanie, 14, and Parker, 11. The Futrells are members of North Charleston Methodist Church, and he is currently employed as Vice President of the National Bank of South Carolina.

## Outstanding Young Alumnus of the Year:

### Jason Jurkowski '99

Lieutenant Commander Jason Jurkowski is a 1999 graduate. Jurkowski currently serves the University as a member of the Board of Visitors organization. Jurkowski serves our country as a member of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, an elite team dedicated to delivering the nation's public health promotion and disease prevention programs, and advancing public health science around the world. As one of America's seven uniformed services, the Commissioned Corps fills vital public health roles within Federal Government agencies and programs. Jurkowski served in 2008 as part of a medical team that conducted missions in Nicaragua, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, and Guyana. As part of this team, Jason supported an array of services including public health screenings, health education, and disaster preparedness. Additionally, the team conducted 221 surgeries, treated 47,000 patients, and dispensed 81,000 prescriptions. Jurkowski currently serves as the Director of the Secretary's Operation Center, which coordinates efforts of various U.S. government agencies during emergency situations and disasters within the United States. ■

Members of the Alumni Association board congratulate Alumni Award Winners: Tony Fountain '85, Anne Turner '86, Kevin Futrell '89, Raul Chang '07, Aaron Dunn '82, Edna Edwards Williams '99 and David Weiss '03. Jason Jurkowski was unable to attend the event. *Photo by Sherry Atkinson*

## 2010 Alumni Directory Project Under Way

**A**s some of you know, the data collection process for the 2010 Alumni Directory project began in early 2009 by Publishing Concepts. If you have already called to update your information, thank you! If not, PCI will be in touch on behalf of CSU in the coming weeks. You may get a postcard, e-mail, or telephone call from PCI/Publishing Concepts on behalf of CSU giving you the

chance to both update your contact information and purchase the upcoming alumni directory.

We will be producing and offering a bound and a CD-ROM directory of alumni for release in early 2010. The directory will provide opportunities for maintaining and encouraging both personal and professional connections among alumni. It will also serve a pri-

mary role in keeping alumni contact information current so that CSU can share with alumni information about reunions, opportunities to get involved, and information about what's happening at CSU.

If you have any questions about the directory project, please contact David Weiss, director of alumni affairs, at 843.863.7516 or at [dweiss@csuniv.edu](mailto:dweiss@csuniv.edu) ■

## Historical Marker Unveiled on Campus

**A** South Carolina Historical Marker was unveiled next to the Hunter Reception Center on front campus in late spring. The marker commemorates the Izard family and The Elms Plantation, which was originally situated on the site where Charleston Southern University sits today. ■



Pictured are President Jairy Hunter, Michael J. Hertzler, mayor of the City of Goose Creek, and Keith Summey, mayor of the City of North Charleston  
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## Phonathon 2009 Provided Needed Aid

By David Weiss '03

**D**uring the spring semester, many of you received phone calls from CSU students and alumni volunteers. Our callers made thousands of phone calls to update alumni contact information, reacquaint alumni with the University, and to make the case for financial support. All gifts to Phonathon benefit the University's annual fund, which provides vital aid to our student body.

More than 95 percent of CSU students receive financial aid, and many of these students would be unable to attend Charleston Southern without scholarship assistance. The entire CSU family is grateful for alumni who are willing to pass the generosity of past donors on to today's students. By supporting students, you are making an investment not only in Christian higher education but also in the future of our country. Thanks again for your generous show of support.

It's not too late to be a part of our 2009 Annual Fund Drive. Simply visit the CSU Web site, [www.charlestonsouthern.edu](http://www.charlestonsouthern.edu), and click on the "Give Now" button. Also, keep your contact information current by contacting the Alumni Office at 843-863-7516 or contact me at [dweiss@csuniv.edu](mailto:dweiss@csuniv.edu). ■

## Following the Bucs Through New Media

**I**f logging onto [csusports.com](http://csusports.com) doesn't give you enough Buccaneer time, the athletics department has several new ways you can get your fill of Buc action.

Twitter is quick and operates as a miniblog. In 140 characters or less, you can find out what's going on.

Facebook is a social group that allows you to keep up with friends and groups.

Vortex is a Web site athletics uses for media distribution.

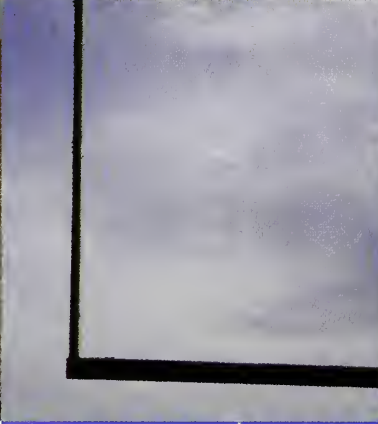
Blogger is a professional way to keep everyone up-to-date. Blog stands for Web log (kind of like a diary).

You Tube is a video sharing site.

To find the Bucs on all these sites, log onto [csusports.com](http://csusports.com) and look for the media icons on the right-hand side. ■

The screenshot shows the official website of Charleston Southern University Athletics. The page features a navigation bar with links for Men's Sports, Women's Sports, Departments, Buccaneer Club, Fan Zone, Multimedia, and Links. A central banner displays the CSU logo and images of athletes. Below the banner, there are several sections: 'Countdown to Kickoff' with a progress bar, 'Bucs Scoreboard' with a link to 'No events exist from 6/24 to 7/1 Go Bucs!', 'Top Buccaneer Headlines' featuring a photo of a hurdler and the headline 'Norman Withdraws From Heptathlon', and 'Upcoming Events' with a calendar for June 30 (Baseball Baseball Coaches), June 28 (W. Track & Field Norman Withdraws), June 27 (W. Track & Field Houston Makes), and June 27 (M. Golf Day Finishes Fifth at). On the right side, there are promotional banners for 'CSU BUCCLUB.COM' and 'THE EDGE AND TEAMLINE', along with social media links for Facebook, Blogger, and YouTube. At the bottom right, there is a 'CSU VORTEX' section with a 'Grab the Vortex!' button.

In the busyness of life, we often miss the beauty in the ordinary. Several photographers on the student publications staff scoured the campus and took photos of the ABCs at CSU. How many of these do you recognize?



# the ABCs of CSU



A - gates, Gilmore Garden; B - bench, Reflection Pond; C - pitcher, Java City coffee shop; D - handle of cutlass, Science Building; E - top of time capsule, Science Building; F - columns, S. Jones Hall; G - flower in an office; H - columns; I - gate column by Gilmore Garden; J - banister, Science Building; K - stairwell, Science Building; L - goalpost, football field; M - sundial, Furman Gressette Patriotic Center; N - supports, football stadium; O - clock, Strom Thurmond Center; P - eaves, Science Building; Q - front gates, Condra Gates; R - knife handle, painted Bucky by post office; S - front gates, Condra Gates; T - cross, Lightsey Chapel; U - tree on campus; V - flagpole, Furman Gressette Patriotic Center; W - time capsule, Science Building; X - cupola, Derry Patterson Wingo Nursing Building; Y - light pole, parking lot; Z - stairs, Whitfield Stadium Center.

## Memorials

**James "Buddy" Henry Bryan Jr. '75**, age 55, died Feb. 11 in Atlanta. He was a former employee at the National Crime Information Center, had been a jeweler and was most recently in the restaurant business.

**Dr. David William Cuttino Jr.**, age 81, died April 29 in Charleston. He was a founding faculty member at Charleston Southern and had been chair of the music department. He also served as a minister of music in several churches. Memorials may be made to The Choral/Voice Departments, Charleston Southern University School of Music, P.O. Box 118087, Charleston, SC 29423.

**Caroline Vaughan Haltiwanger**, age 82, died March 21 in Charleston. She was a retired Charleston Southern library employee.

**Sue Ann Kelly Hunnicutt '86, '90 MEd**, age 45, died March 6 in Columbia, S.C. She was a teacher at Hopkins Elementary School in Richland District One. Sue was editor of the *Cutlass* during her undergraduate years.

**Jenny Melissa Smith Swindler Mangum '80**, age 50, died May 5 in Blythewood, S.C. She held numerous positions throughout her career with the S.C. Departments of Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

**Sandra Bonds Pridemore '77**, age 52, died March 8 in Summerville, S.C. She retired from BASF as a computer analyst.

**Dorothy Carol Shuler '94**, age 46, died May 11 in Orangeburg, S.C. She worked with the Santee Literacy Council.

## Alumni Award Nominations Sought

The CSU Alumni Association is accepting nominations for its six annual awards. Submit your nominations via e-mail to [alumni@csuniv.edu](mailto:alumni@csuniv.edu) or by calling the alumni office at 843-863-7516.

### *Distinguished Alumnus of the Year*

Most prestigious award given by the Alumni Association to an alumnus who strives for excellence in all endeavors. Alum has distinguished him or herself in three areas: service to the University, service to the community and achievement in his or her field of endeavor.

### *Outstanding Young Alumnus of the Year*

Recognizes an alumnus under the age of 30 who has been successful in his or her field of endeavor and shows exceptional promise of future achievement.

### *Alumnus Community Service Award*

Honors an alumnus who goes above and beyond the expectations in his/her community, church or nonprofit group. The award recognizes his or her personal sacrifice and exceptional volunteer service to a charitable organization.

### *University Mission Award*

This award goes to the outstanding alumnus who exhibits the ideals and mission of Charleston Southern.

### *Alumnus Service Award*

Honors and recognizes an alumnus who performs outstanding service to the University, the Alumni Association or other alumni activities.

### *Outstanding Alumnus of the Year*

This award honors an alumnus who reflects honor on the University for exceptional achievement in his or her field of endeavor.



## Megan Bruner

*Class:* Sophomore  
*Major:* English  
*From:* Murrells Inlet, SC

### **Favorite Class:**

Dr. Scott Yarbrough's  
American Literature class

### **My life verse is ...**

"For I know the plans I have for you – this is the Lord's declaration – plans for your welfare, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." - Jeremiah 29:11

### **When I'm not in class you might find me ...**

Hanging out with friends at Starbucks or  
downtown Charleston.

### **I enrolled at CSU because ...**

I loved the atmosphere when I came to  
campus for a visit. It was a perfect distance  
from home, and I love downtown  
Charleston.

### **Before I graduate, I want to ...**

Travel, maybe through a study  
abroad program.

### **Life after CSU:**

I plan to attend grad school in South Carolina  
or North Carolina (or maybe NYU). From  
there, I would like to teach at a S.C. college  
or university



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